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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Sir:

Applicants, through their representatives, respectfully submit the following PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT directed to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/778,329 titled "PREFORM FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICAL FIBER AND METHOD THEREFOR" filed February 6, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) as responsive to the Office Communication mailed to the Applicants 11/14/2002 (paper no. 8).

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 51 are pending in the present application and are subject to an Election of Species.

Please cancel claims 10, 30, 37, 48, and 50 without prejudice.

As allowed by 37 CFR §1.121(c), Applicant respectfully requests that claims 23, 32, 34, 38, 49 and 51 be amended by rewriting the claim. The requested amendment, which includes all additions, deletions, and modifications to the claim, is shown in the accompanying pages in both clean and marked versions, and is included herewith as an attachment to this REPLY entitled "Clean Version of the Amended CLAIMS," as required by